

April 14, 2008

**City of Milton-Freewater
City Council Minutes**

The Council of the City of Milton-Freewater met in regular session Monday, April 14, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Albee Room of the Library.

The following members were present: Mayor Lewis Key, Councilors Orrin Lyon, Ed Chesnut, Keith Woods, Debbie Kelley, Steve Irving, Brad Humbert and Youth Councilor Patsy Sandoval.

Staff members present were: City Manager Linda Hall, City Recorder Leanne Steadman, Public Works Superintendent Dave Bradshaw, Finance Director Dave Richmond, Public Works Supervisor Tony Anfinson and Code Enforcement Officer Angie McColley.

Citizens present were: Michelle Thacker, Isabel Corona, Victor Diaz and Merle Sherman.

Press member Melanie Hall of the Valley Herald was present.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

The consent calendar items consisted of minutes from the March 10, 2008 regular council meeting, March 24, 2008 Work Session, April 10, 2008 Special Study Session, Accounts Payable from March 19, 2008 – April 8, 2008.

RESOLUTION NO. 2078 RECEIPT OF INCOME FROM BPA STANDSTILL AND INTERIM RELIEF AGREEMENT

Councilor Chesnut motioned to approve the consent calendar items. Councilor Humbert seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS:

UPDATE OF GOLF COURSE PROMOTIONAL PROGRAMS

Public Works Supervisor Tony Anfinson presented the golf course promotional programs. He explained that the programs offered reduced green fees by 50% from November 1, 2007 through February 29, 2008. Typically that time period is very slow. Another program used was the use of coupons which were advertised in the newspaper. These coupons were offered from August through September both of these programs proved to be very successful and will be offered again in the future.

Councilor Kelley asked if a sign could be added to the golf course signs.

Mr. Bradshaw said he had already checked with the state. He found out that the sign could not be placed in the corridor and the restaurant must be open for a certain amount of time.

Councilor Humbert said he would like to schedule another golf course committee meeting soon to capitalize on the restaurant opening and he felt the promotion programs offered were a great asset and it shows there is still an interest in golf.

Merle Sherman – 716 Pierce, said there should be some consideration of advertising in Pendleton as well.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

REQUEST BY CINCO DE MAYO FESTIVAL COMMITTEE TO HOST FESTIVAL AT YANTIS PARK

Heritage Club President Victor Diaz and Cinco de Mayo Queen Isabel Corona requested to move the 27th annual Cinco de Mayo Festival from Shockman Field to Yantis Park. They explained they had noticed a decline in attendance due to the restrictions of the new track installed at Mac-Hi. They felt by moving the festival it would give the vendors more room. The festival is being held Saturday May 3rd and they requested Mayor Key be present for the opening ceremony.

Youth Councilor Sandoval asked if the soccer tournament would still be at Shockman Field.

Ms. Corona replied, yes. The soccer tournaments would remain at Shockman Field.

Councilor Chesnut motioned to allow the Cinco de Mayo Festival be hosted at Yantis Park, Councilor Kelley seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mayor Key presented, on behalf of the city council, a community support check for \$100.00 towards the festival.

RESOLUTION NO. 2079 ESTABLISHING A 457 DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN WITH BAKER BOYER NATIONAL BANK

Finance Director Dave Richmond explained by establishing a 457 Deferred Compensation plan with Baker Boyer National Bank it would give employees an option of doing business with a local bank. He explained there would be no cost to the city since all fees would be paid by the employees. This plan would be offered June 1, 2008.

Councilor Kelley motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2079 establishing a 457 Deferred Compensation Plan and Trust with Baker Boyer National Bank. Councilor Humbert seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

BID AWARD DOG IMPOUND

Code Enforcement Officer Angie McColley explained the current dog impound agreement with Penrod Kennels expires June 30, 2008. Therefore there was a need to go out to bid for a new contract. Only one bidder responded to the request for proposals which was Blue Mountain Humane Society. Ms. McColley briefly reviewed what the current contract had outlined for services. The new contract would be in effect July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2008.

Councilor Kelley motion to award the dog impound bid to Blue Mountain Humane Society in the amount of \$100.00 per dog for services outline in the agreement and \$175.00 per dog for a 10-day bite hold as outline in the agreement. Councilor Chesnut seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2080 AMENDING RATES FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION ASSOCIATED WITH CLEAN UP EVENTS

Public Works Superintendent Dave Bradshaw explained the city holds two annual clean up events, one in the spring and one in the fall. These events are very successful and he felt there is a need to continue to hold these events. The reasons for the requested changes to the rates are due to the additional cost the city is absorbing due to the DEQ fees being charged.

Therefore, the request for limiting the number of tires per person to ten and having a pound limit of 800 pounds. If a customer goes over these limits they would be charged according to the fee schedule. No other rates are being amended.

After a brief discussion, Councilor Kelley motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2080 amending solid waste rates to include additional landfill fees as outlined. Councilor Irving seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2081 AUTHORIZING SIGNATURE TO A SUBGRANT CONTRACT WITH HORIZON PROJECT, INC. FOR ADMINISTRATION OF A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

City Manager Linda Hall explained that the city had applied for and was granted a Community Development Block Grant for \$750,000 to establish an economic development revolving loan fund for Milton-Freewater. The State requires a CDBG grant be administered through a non-profit agency which have been certified and approved by the State of Oregon. Horizon Project, Inc. met those requirements. Once the sub-recipient contract is ratified then a loan committee would need to be established. The city would have at least one representative on the committee, which Ms. Hall recommended that being a member of the council.

Councilor Chesnut motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2081 authorizing Mayor's signature to the Community Development Block Grant Sub-Recipient Agreement with Horizon Project, Inc. for administration of the Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund Grant. Councilor Kelley seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO APPROACH THE COUNCIL WITH ISSUES NOT ON THIS AGENDA

Merle Sherman – 716 Pierce, announced that the City of Dalles had their Senior Blues kickoff which had a good turnout. The Milton-Freewater Senior Blues Tournament is scheduled for the 3rd Monday of August which is August 18, 2008 at the Milton-Freewater Golf Course.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Ms. Hall reported there were several position recruitments going. The Police Sergeant position was posted internally only and closed April 7th, with four applications being accepted. She explained all four of these applicants will be tested. The testing will include the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training along with an oral interview made up of several outside agencies being on the panel. The position is not expected to be filled until June. There is a police officer position opening to fill the vacancy of Marcus Goodwater who now works for Walla Walla Police Department. One Library Assistant position opening which there were ten applications accepted and those interviews are scheduled for April 17th. There is an open recruitment for the aquatic center. The frog map is almost complete and will be presented at the first May council meeting. There is a new restaurant coming to town, "The Grill". A gentleman by the name of Paul Freeman is opening a BBQ and steak restaurant in the old Bisnett building at 601 N. Main. Council goals as a result of the March 24, 2008 work session will be presented at the April 28th council meeting. Ms. Hall asked if there were any new goals since that meeting to please forward them onto the City Recorder Leanne Steadman by Monday, April 21st to be included.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Irving stated he would like to see the resolution regarding the Ethics controversy received by the Mayor of Clatskanie presented at the next council meeting.

Councilor Chesnut said he was uncomfortable with the language that was on the resolution.

Manager Hall suggested council take a look at the resolution and send in their recommendations for the wording to Ms. Steadman.

Manager Hall applauded the city council and planning commission for conforming to the new reporting requirements imposed by the Ethics Commission, and complimented them for continuing to serve the citizens of Milton-Freewater despite the invasive requirements.

There being no further business, council adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Lewis S. Key, Mayor